

HOME IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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HEALTH OF THE BODY

Pervasive Joy—There is a real spiritual joy—a true magnetism—in our midst.

- *Psalm 16:11 — You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*
- *Acts 2:46–47 — So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

Dynamic Worship—We see a dynamic corporate worship that flows from an overflowing of daily, consecrated, sacrificial living.

- *Romans 12:1— I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.*
- *2 Chronicles 5:13–14 — 13 The trumpeters and singers joined together to praise and thank the LORD with one voice. They raised their voices, accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and musical instruments, in praise to the LORD: For He is good; His faithful love endures forever. The temple, the LORD's temple, was filled with a cloud. - 14 And because of the cloud, the priests were not able to continue ministering, for the glory of the LORD filled God's temple.*

Unified Membership—There is multi-generational unity where the young draw from the wisdom of the mature, and the mature draw from the energy of the young.

- *John 17:20–23 — “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.*
- *1 Corinthians 1:10 — Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same*



mind and in the same judgment.

Serving Membership—Every member is an active, involved, and serving member.

- *Romans 12:3–8 — For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*
- *Ephesians 4:11–16 — And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

OUTPOURING OF GOD’S POWER

Prayerful Expectation—We pray with expectation, trusting God to accomplish great things for His glory.

- *John 14:13–14 — And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*
- *Acts 4:31 — And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.*

Led by the Spirit—We trust and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all that we are called to do.

- *John 14:16–18 — And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*
- *Romans 8:5 — For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on*



the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Spiritual Courage—We make courageous decisions as individuals, and a church in whatever God challenges us to undertake for Him.

- *Joshua 1:6–9 — Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Outpouring of God’s Power—We see a church in which such a great work is happening that it cannot be attributed to our creativity, ingenuity, or planning.

- *Jeremiah 33:3 — ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’*

MISSION CLARITY

Missional Living—Every member is making and maturing disciples.

- *1 Peter 3:15 — But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*
- *2 Corinthians 5:20 — Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.*

Mission Clarity—There is a simplicity and clarity to our goals, vision, and mission.

- *Matthew 28:18–20 — And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*
- *Colossians 1:28–29 — Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.*

EXPECTATION OF GROWTH

Biblically Driven—We look to the Bible as God’s Word to us, and our foundation of spiritual growth



- *2 Timothy 3:16— All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,*
- *Psalms 1:1–3 — Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

Growing Families—Families are growing together, and living out the call of God together

- *Deuteronomy 6:6–9 — “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Edifying Conversations—Our gatherings are filled with edifying conversations of growth and spiritual victories

- *Ephesians 4:29 — Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

Holiness Pursued—We are all pursuing a life of holiness as ones set apart for the glory of God and ambassadors of the gospel

- *Ephesians 4:17–24 — This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*
- *1 Peter 1:13–16 — Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be serious and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. - 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. - 15 But as the One who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; - 16 for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.*



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